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In re Application of:	)
Dirk BOECKER et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3736
Application No.: 09/981,483	) Examiner: Jonathan M. FOREMAN
Filed: October 16, 2001	)
For: UNIVERSAL DIAGNOSTIC PLATFORM	)

**Please see attached Transmittal Letter for Response/Amendment, with request to charge \$684.00 to deposit account for additional claims fee (1 page), and Amendment and Response to Office Action (29 pages, pages 1-29).**

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Serial No.: 09/981,483

Examiner: Jonathan M. FOREMAN

Filing Date: October 16, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3736

Title: UNIVERSAL DIAGNOSTIC PLATFORM

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- ☒ Response/Amendment ☐ Petition to extend time to respond  
☒ New fee as calculated below ☐ Supplemental Declaration  
☐ No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments")  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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TOTAL CLAIMS	81	MINUS	43	= 38	X 18	\$ 684.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	9	MINUS	9	= 0	X 86	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ 290	\$ 0.00
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OTHER FEES						\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 684.00

Charge \$684.00 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.2 5. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, ETC.

By Andrew B. Schwaab  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24.